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SUBJ: SLOVENE MINORITY CONTROVERSY: SLOVENE REJECTION

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1. "BORBA" MARCH 7 CARRIES "TANJUG" REPORT FROM VIENNA STATING THAT THE CARINTHIAN SLOVENES HAVE REJECTED THE RECENT AGREEMENT OF THE THREE AUSTRIAN PARTIES ON BILINGUAL SIGNPOSTS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF SLOVENIAN AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN CERTAIN LOCAL AREAS. ACCORDING TO "TANJUG" THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS OF CARINTHIAN SLOVENES IN A LETTER TO KREISKY DENOUNCED THE THVREE-PARTY AGREEMENT AS "CONTRARY" TO STATE TREATY. THE CENTRAL ORGANIZATIONS MAINTAINED THAT ERECTION OF BILINGUAL SIGNPOSTS IN ONLY EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF SLOVENE AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE INFOURTEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUNICIPALITIES WOULD REDUCE THE AREA INHABITED BY CARINTHIAN SLOVENES TO FIVE-SIXTHS AND TWO-THIRDS RESPECTIVELY.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO IDEA WHOSE MOVE IT IS NOW. YORK

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